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Recycled program logs with time cues firing incorrectly

Simian users who use the same program logs over and over, modifying it regularly to update content can run in to issues where time events do not fire correctly at there scheduled times, items get skipped over, or even repeat. The program log is a type of database and as items are moved, added, and deleted, a reference number field assigned to each event in the program log gets out of order. After a certain amount of time, typically after several weeks of constant updating, the recycled log's reference numbers get so out of whack it causes the issues described above.

To reset the reference numbers, the recycled log can be copied and pasted in to a new program log. The new program log can then be saved to overwrite the recycled log. Repeating this process on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule should avoid those types of issues going forward.

Step one: Open the program log in Production mode (in the example we are using the WED.bsi program log)

Step one

Step two: Go to Edit > Select ALL to highlight all the events in the program log
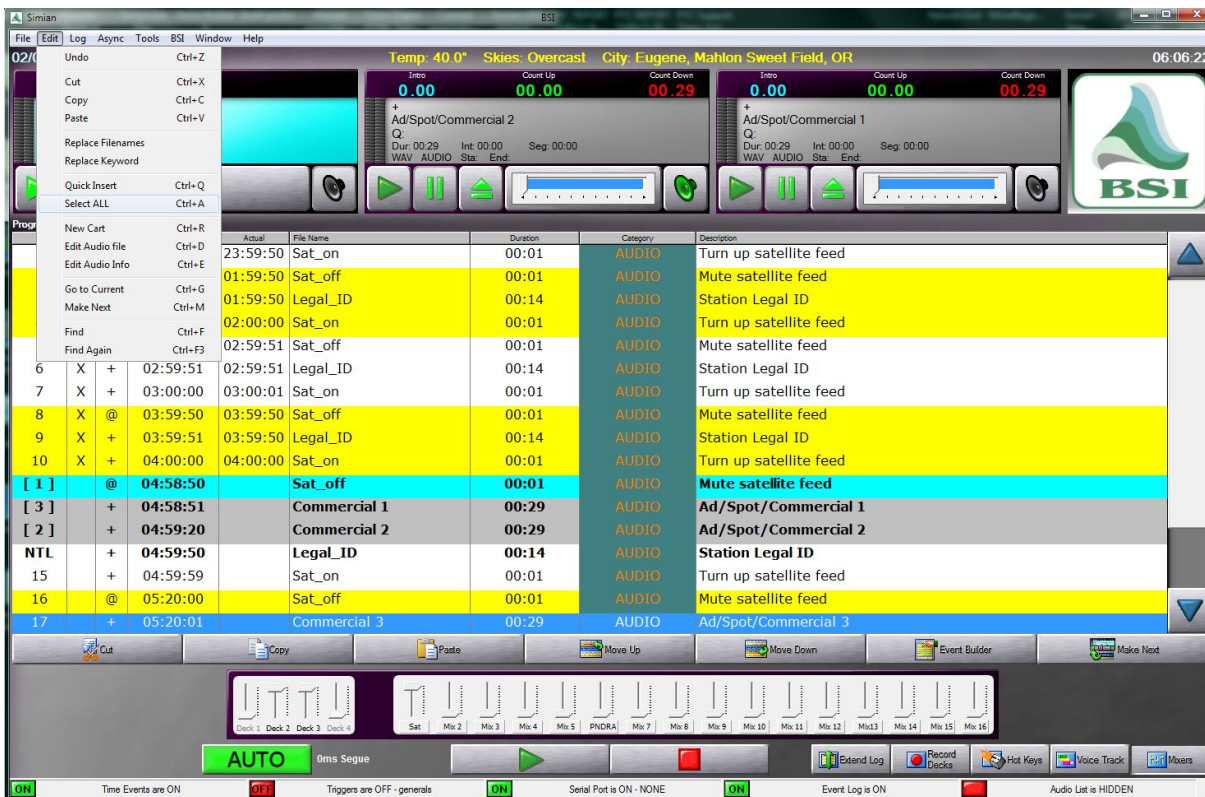
Step two

Step three: Go to Edit > Copy to copy all the highlighted items in the program log
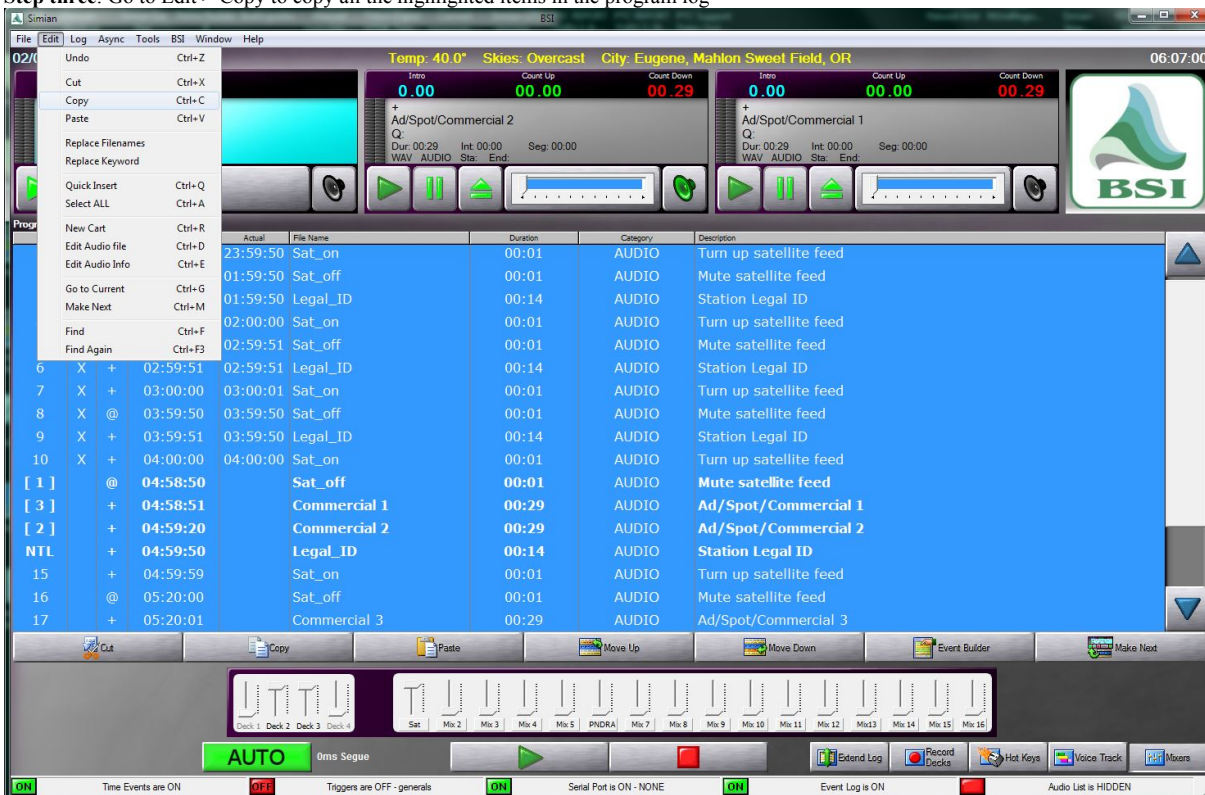
Step three

Step four: Go to File > New Program Log to get a new, blank program log
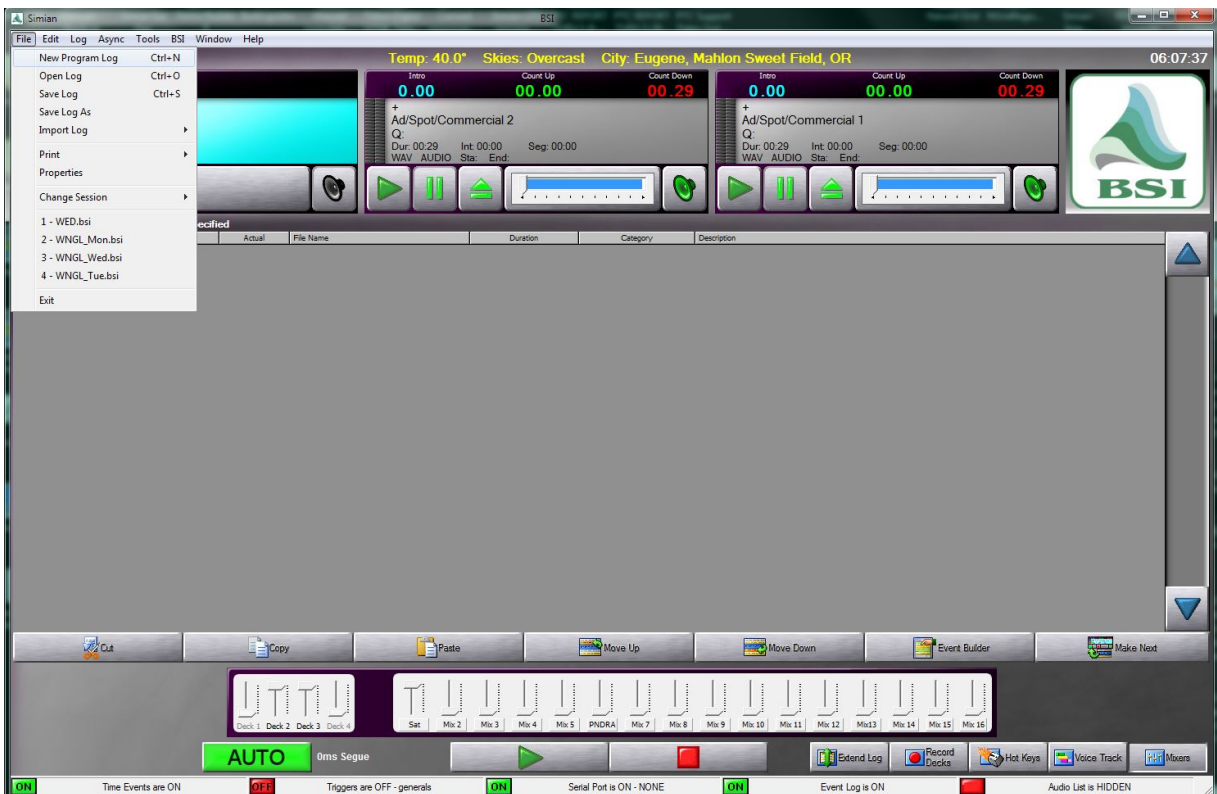
Step
four

Step five: Go to Edit > Paste to paste the previously copied events in to the new program log
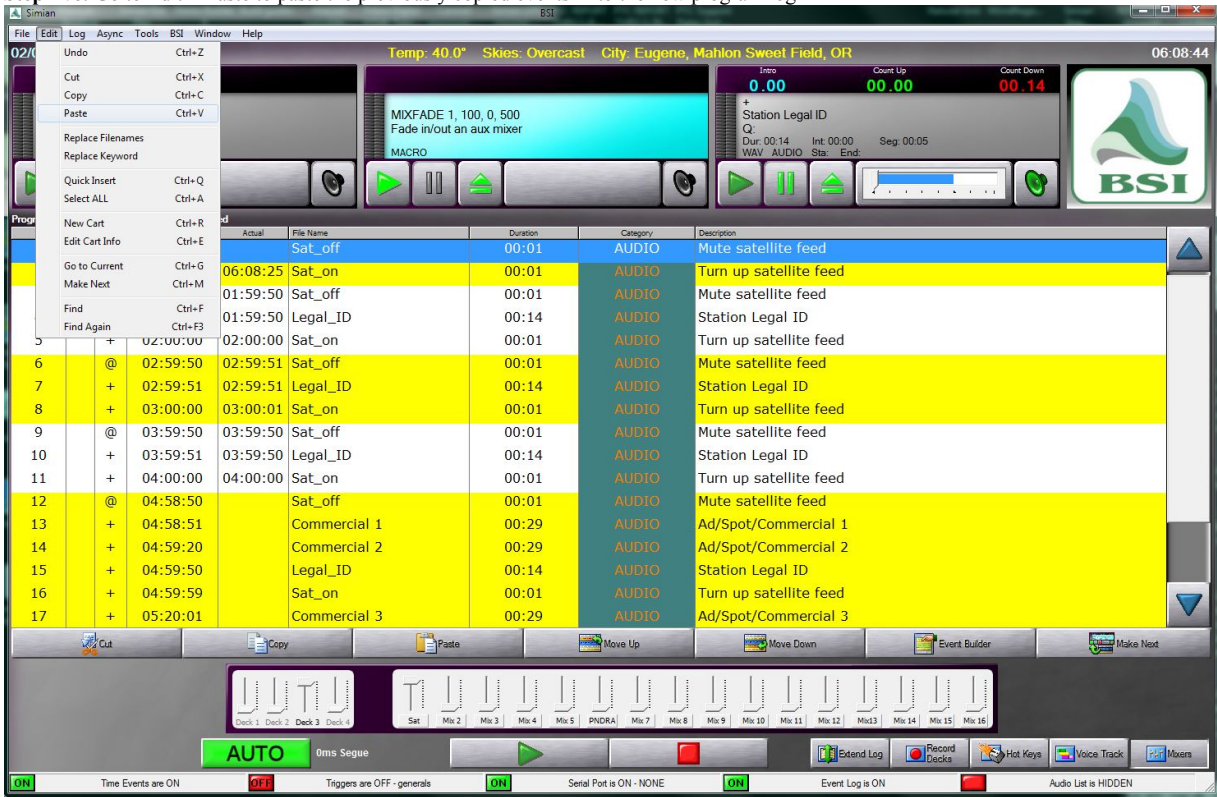
Step
five

Step six: Go to Log > Clear all status information to clear previously stored played status and played time data
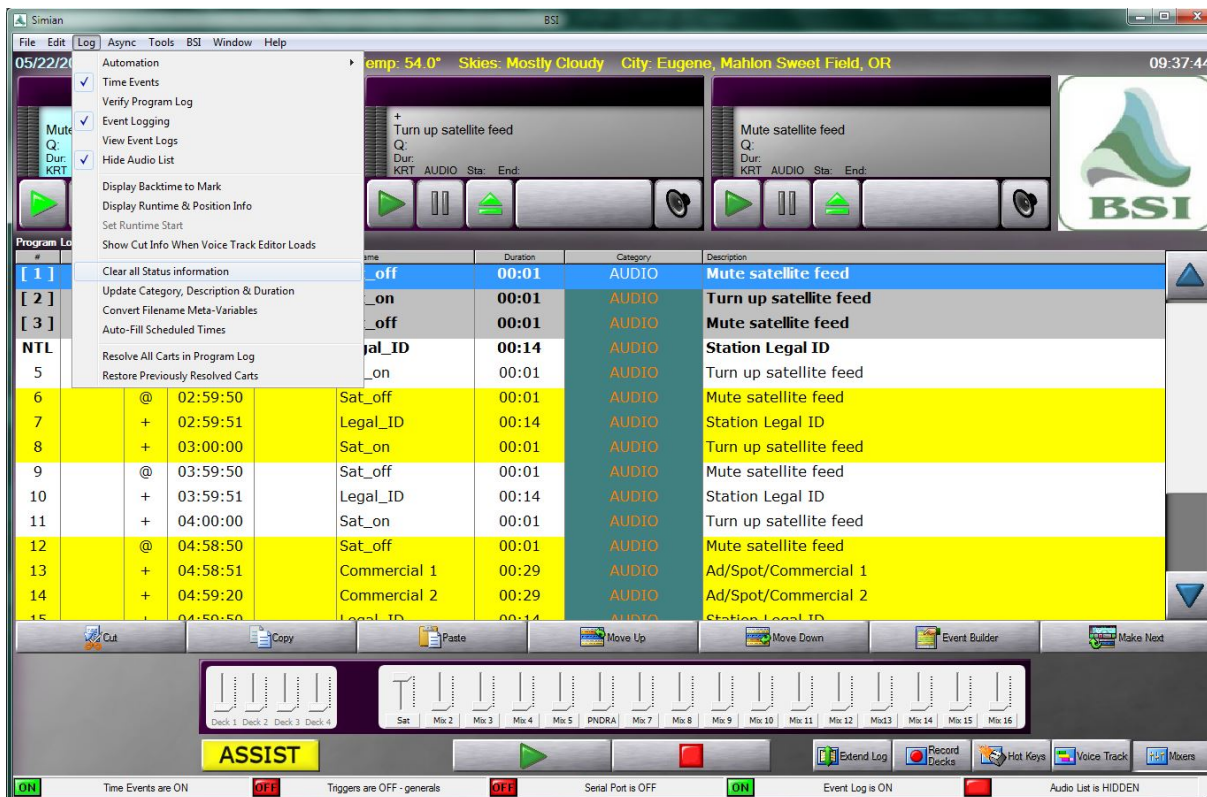
Step six

Step seven: Go to File > Save Log As to save the program log
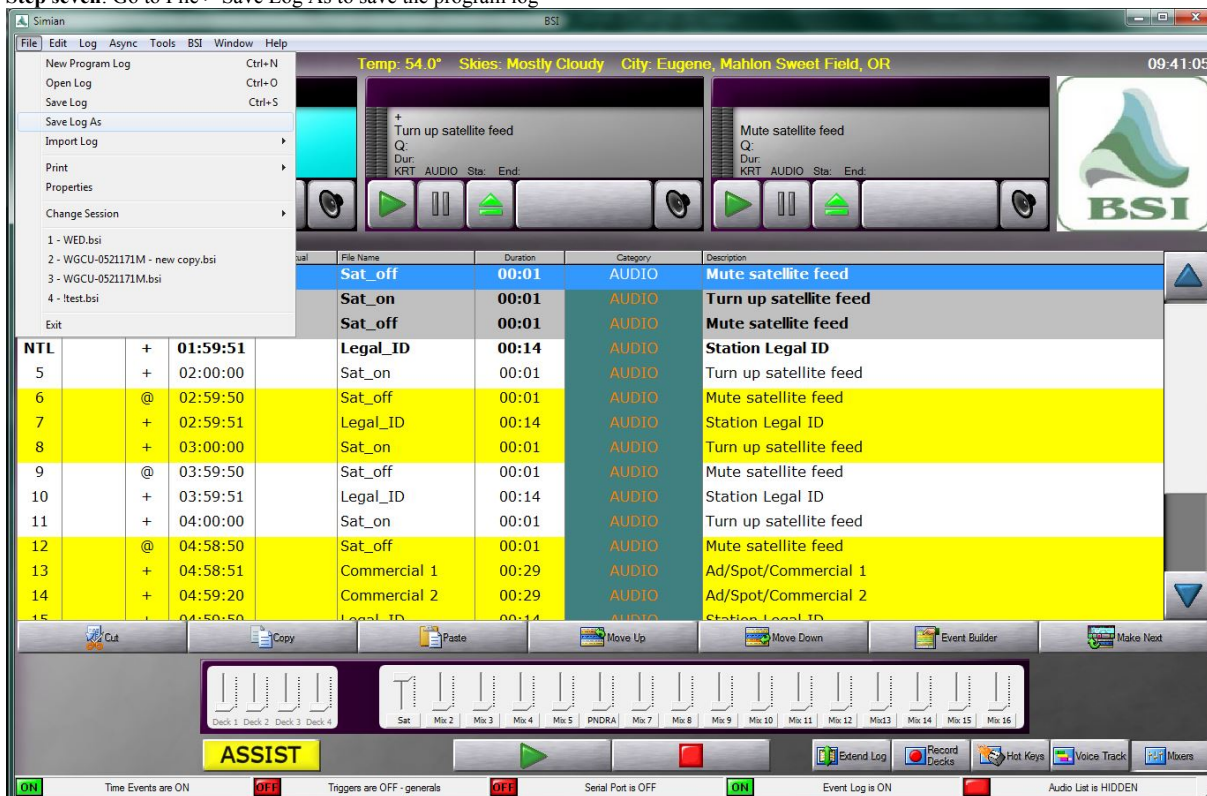
Step seven

Step eight: Here you can choose to save the program log with the same name or give it a different name (in the example we are using the same WED.bsi file name)
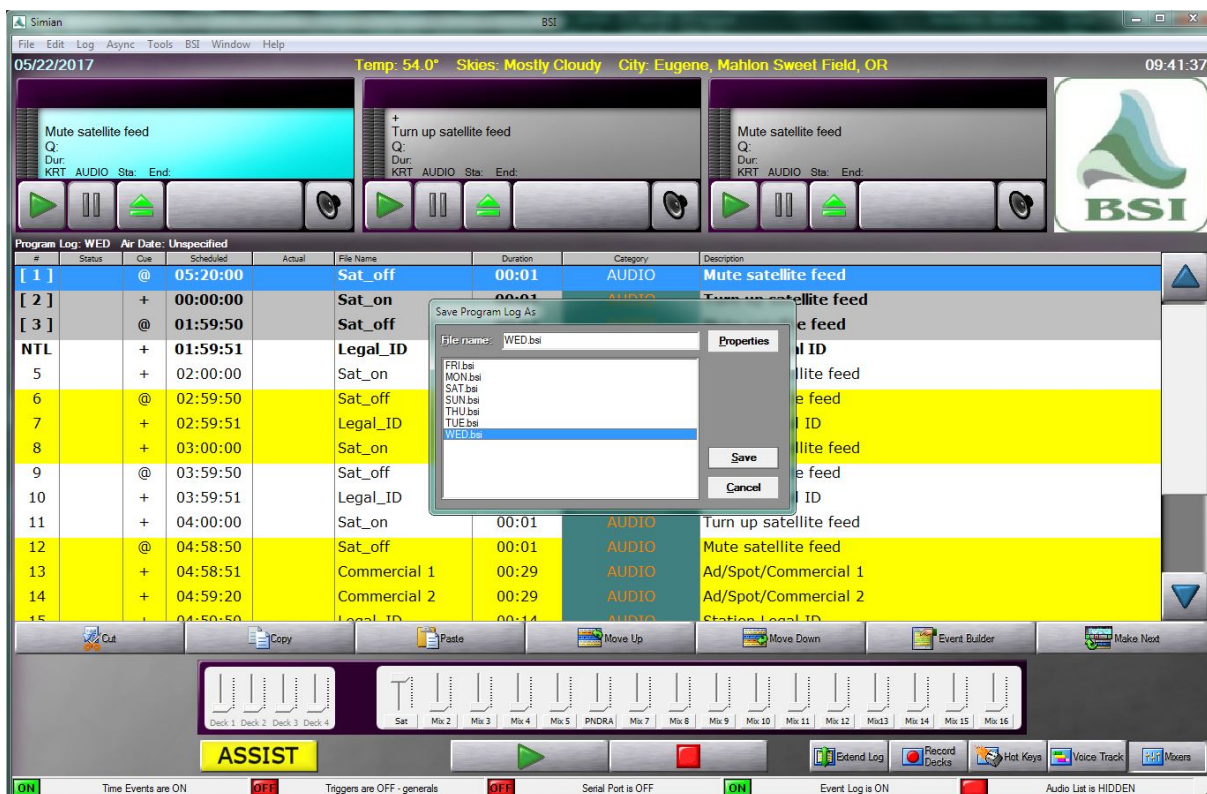
Step eight

Step nine: If using the same file name as previously, choose Yes to overwrite the old, recycled program log with the new reference numbers
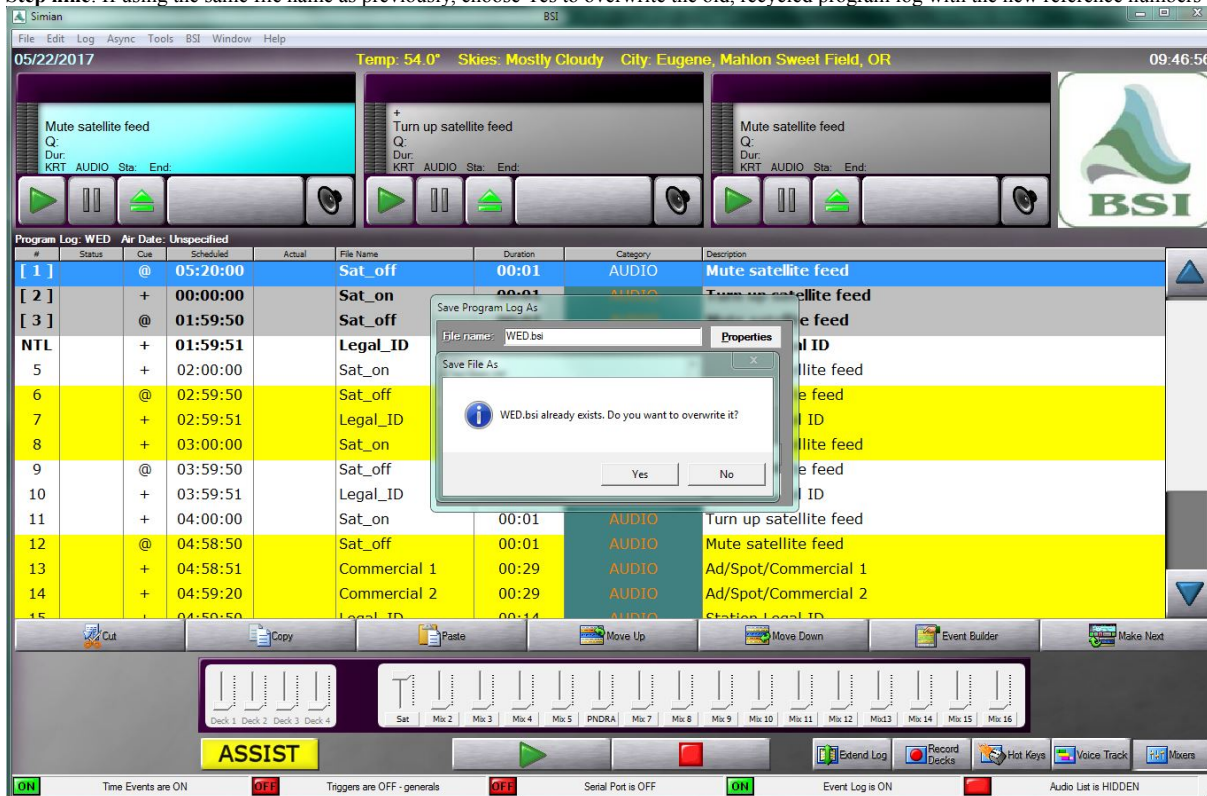
Step nine

The following image shows a comparison of the reference numbers in a recycled log that has been copied and pasted in to a new log:

Cue	Time	Name	Length	Category	Description	Flag1	Flag2	RefNum	AbsPosition
@	00:00:00	·		MACRO	MIXVOLUME	0		85025395	1
+	00:00:00	8800	01:00	AUDIO	JAZZ SATEL	0		85025759 X	2
+	00:01:00					0		85025396	3
+	00:01:00					0		85025397	4
@	00:06:00					0		85025765 X	5
+	00:06:00					0		85025398	6
+	00:06:00					0		85025399	7
+	00:06:00	31351				0		85025400	8
+	00:24:40	2044				0		85025402	9
+	00:25:10	2007	00:30	AUDIO	FRESH AIR	0		85025403	10
+	00:25:40	GCL3SUN	00:30	AUDIO	GULF COAS	0		85025404	11
+	00:26:10	SNAP3TDT	00:30	AUDIO	SNAP JUDG	0		85025405	12
+	00:26:40	31353	31:00	AUDIO	JAZZ SATEL	0		85025406	13
@	00:57:40			MACRO	REM BREAI	0		85025408	
+	00:57:40			MACRO	MIXVOLUME	0		85025409	15
+	00:57:40	1040	00:20	AUDIO	JAZZ SATEL	0		85025769 X	16
+	00:58:00	2012	00:30	AUDIO	MORNING E	0		85025410	17
+	00:58:30	1A3	00:30	AUDIO	1A TOMORF	0		85025411	18
+	00:59:00	GCL3	00:30	AUDIO	GULF COAS	0		85025412	19
+	00:59:30	2046	00:30	AUDIO	HERE AND	0		85025413	20
+	01:00:00	8800	01:00	AUDIO	JAZZ SATEL	0		85025414	21
+	01:01:00			MACRO	SERIAL *00!	0		85025771 X	22
+	01:01:00			MACRO	MIXVOLUME	0		85025415	23
@	01:06:00			MACRO	REM BREAI	0		85025783 X	24
+	01:06:00			MACRO	MIXVOLUME	0		85025777 X	25
+	01:06:00			MACRO	SERIAL *00	0		85025418	26
+	01:06:00	31356	18:40	AUDIO	JAZZ SATEL	0		85025775 X	27
@	01:24:40	BIRDCRUISE	00:30	AUDIO	BIRDING CF	1	01:24:40	85025421	28

Left: Recycled program log with out of order reference numbers, potentially causing issues with playing items out of order or at wrong times

Cu	Time	Name	Length	Category
+	00:01:00			MACRO
@	00:00:00			MACRO
+	00:00:00	8800		AUDIO
+	00:01:00			
@	00:06:00			
+	00:06:00			
+	00:06:00			
+	00:06:00	313		
+	00:24:40	204		
+	00:25:10	200		
+	00:25:40	GCL3SI	00:30	AUDIO
+	00:26:10	SNAP3	00:30	AUDIO
+	00:26:40	313		AUDIO
+	00:57:40			MACRO
+	00:57:40	1040	00:20	AUDIO
+	00:58:00	2012	00:30	AUDIO
+	00:58:30	1A3	00:30	AUDIO
+	00:59:00	GCL3	00:30	AUDIO
+	00:59:30	2046	00:30	AUDIO
+	01:00:00	8800	01:00	AUDIO
+	01:01:00			MACRO
+	01:01:00			MACRO
@	01:06:00			MACRO
+	01:06:00			MACRO
+	01:06:00			MACRO
+	01:06:00	31356	18:40	AUDIO
@	01:24:40	BIRDCF	00:30	AUDIO

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recycled to new comparison

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